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Washington D.C. 20231 USA

Sir,

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Applicant herewith encloses copies of the prior art references which have been cited in the European Search Report issued for the counterpart European Patent Application which contains subject matter equivalent to that of the present application. The references submitted herewith for consideration are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

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A copy of the Annex to the European Search Report is also enclosed, which indicates the patent family members of the patent documents cited in the Search Report.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(c) and 37 CFR § 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned herewith states that each item of information contained in the present IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present IDS.

Respectfully submitted,

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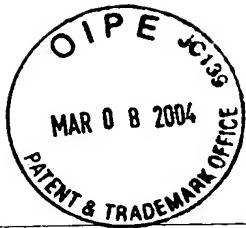
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